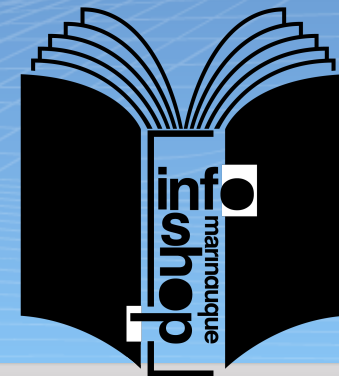


AUTONOMOUS SPACE & INFOSHOP CONFERENCE

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objectives:

- **Sharing of each infoshop/space's experiences and learn from them to improve future activities**
- **To establish network of support among infoshop / spaces / volunteers and collectives**
- **To facilitate communications among among infoshop / spaces / volunteers and collectives**
- **Build and Develop a Culture of Trust & Support amongst infoshop /spaces / volunteers and collectives**
- **Inspire others to start their own autonomous space/s**



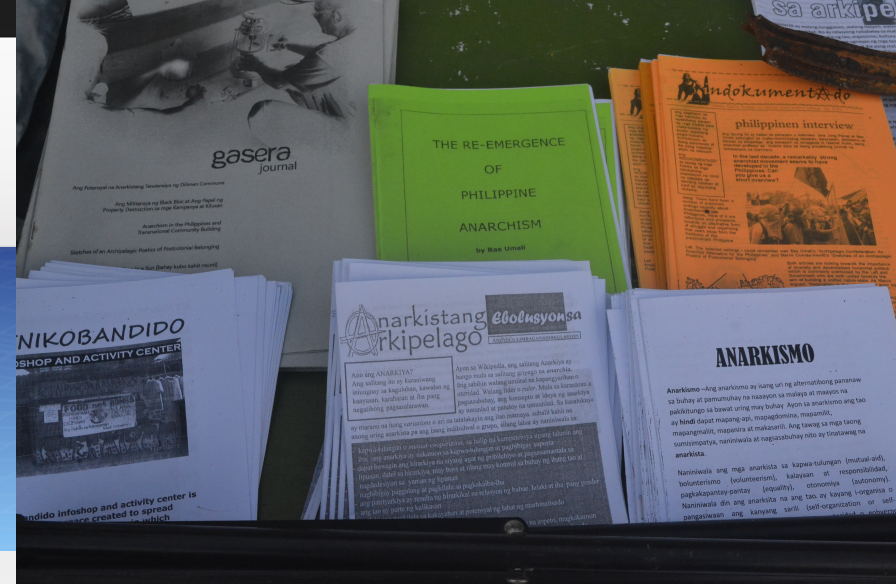
Rationale

- **Anarchism in the Philippines is taking-off, since late 1990s particularly after the event of the Battle in Seattle (WTO ministerial meeting); collectives and individuals started to surface carrying particular ideological stance distinct to authoritarian left.**





Punk at Hardcore = Counter Culture



- People in punk and hardcore underground scene started to develop political awareness based on anti-authoritarian framework and non-hierarchical politics. They started to form collectives and initiate propaganda activities such as film screening, publications, DIY merchandises, grassroots networking, solidarity with Indigenous people, ecological defense campaigns, cultural events, graffiti, Food Not Bombs, street actions and other small scale activities.



Free Sagada 11



- Few individuals from the leftist tradition shifted to anarchist ideology and joined force with people from punk and hardcore scene. Events like anti-capitalist campaign, anarchy fest, free Sagada eleven (anarcho-punks illegally arrested in the Northern Luzon), workshops and skills sharing and educational campaign slowly develop the capacity of collectives and autonomous activists.



Local Autonomous Network

- **Local Anarchist Network (LAN), DARM (Davao Anarchist Resistance Movement) and Anti-Capitalist Convergence (ACC) in early early 1990s were formed, the earliest anarchist formations after Union Obrera Democratica (UOD) in 1901. It should be remembered that UOD being the first labour union in the archipelago was organised based on anarcho-syndicalist framework learned by Isabelo de Los Reyes in Barcelona, Spain. Isabelo was incarcerated in the cells of Montjuich and got acquainted with anarchist prisoners that helped him publish his anti-colonial writings.**



Anarchist Info Shops

- In mid 2000s anarchist collectives attempted to establish infoshops, Davao was the first anarcho scene able to establish an infoshop in 2005; their own initiatives complemented with support from the international comrades. Three years later (2008), a space in Buhangin, Davao followed. It provided avenue for autonomous activists and served as a center of exchange of information and interaction that eventually led to organising more activities from radical to wholesome one.



Collectives+Autonomous Spaces

- Simultaneously, in Manila some collectives and individuals were busy procuring materials and space to form space intended to provide alternative venue. Collective in Cubao was one of the the earliest space that provided alternative venues to autonomous activists.





Post Disaster Direct/Autonomous Response

- Since the year 2010 up to present various autonomous activists able to organized different venues and activities intended to popularize anarchist initiatives, experience and alternatives. Through collective and individual efforts, autonomous activist connects workshops, Food Not Bombs, Free Market, street protests, cultural and artistic events. Some are integrating sustainable technology like solar power generator system and permaculture, others are establishing community-based resource center (Infoshops). Some network organizing conferences in universities have been used as a method to promote alternative frameworks and life-styles. They were also in Leyte to provide free solar electricity generators to victims of typhoon Yolanda.



Horizontal Organizing

- **Based on our experience, infoshops and autonomous spaces proved to be effective in organising activities in the local up to city wide campaigns. People freely interact, share information, develop skills and learn how to organise activities in spaces run mostly by anarchists.**

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